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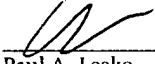
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 22, 2002, having a time set to expire of November 22, 2002, please consider the following remarks relating thereto:

REMARKS

In this action, the Examiner issued a restriction to the following two groups:

Group I - Claims 1-7, 20 and 22 drawn to a process for making the product, classified in class 502, subclass 404, and

Group II - Claims 8-19, 21 and 23-24, drawn to a composition/product and method of use, classified in class 210, subclass 504.

This restriction requirement is traversed in its entirety as discussed below. For completeness of response only, Applicant provisionally elects Group II for examination at this time. Applicant identifies claims 8-19, 21 and 23-24 as the claims that correspond to this provisional election.